Non-extension of the services of retiring officers

2319. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision not to extend the services of retiring administrative officials across the country;

(b) if so, whether this will also be applicable to the State Governments or they can have their own discretion;

(c) what will be the criteria adopted to give extension on special cases where the extension becomes necessary; and

(d) by when this decision would come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The policy relating to extension of service is laid down in Fundamental Rules 56(d). In terms of this rule, extension beyond the age of superannuation of 60 years is permissible to a Government servant dealing with the budget work or working as a full time member of a Committee, a specialist in medical or scientific fields and Cabinet Secretary only.

(b) No, Sir. Service Rules of the Central Government are not applicable to State Governments. State Governments can frame their own rules.

(c) Extension of service can be granted to the above categories of Government servants mentioned in Fundamental Rules 56(d) in public interest.

(d) The decision is already in force.

Lokpal Bill

2330. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward Lokpal Bill during the current session of Parliament which is pending legislation for the last 36 years;

(b) whether certain social activists of the Lok Sevak Sangh and other organisations reportedly have threatened to undertake "fast unto death" over this inordinate delay in legislation of above mentioned Bill; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto alongwith reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The National Common Minimum Programme of the Government envisages that the Lokpal Bill will be enacted into law. The Government has initiated action to bring forward the Lokpal Bill, 2004.

Action against tainted officers

2321. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner had sent a list of 371 tainted officers to P.M.O. during the tenure of N.D.A. Government; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by N.D.A. Government on this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As per the information given by the Central Vigilance Commission, it has not sent any such list to the P.M.O.

Corrupt officials

†2322. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that administrative officers on higher posts in the country have been found involved in corruption charges during last years;

(b) if so, the total number of officers found involved in corruption charges during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004; and

(c) the number of officers, out of them, who belongs to Revenue, Administration and Police Department, separately?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.